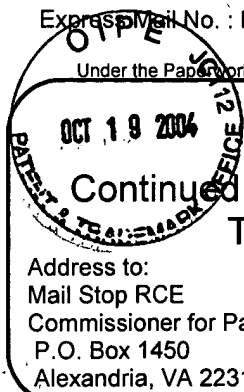


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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/750,387
Filing Date	December 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	David M. Hoffman
Art Unit	2882
Examiner Name	Kao, Chih Cheng G
Attorney Docket Number	15-CT-5419

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (19 pages)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 07-0845
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$790.00) 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other See Transmittal for conditional additional fee authorization and conditional request for an additional extension of time.
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Name (Print/Type)	Alan L. Cassel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,842
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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted is:
- Amendment Transmittal (3 pages, in duplicate)
 - RCE Transmittal Form (1 page, in duplicate)
 - Amendment in response to Office Action March 19, 2004 (19 pages)
 - Return post card

STATUS

2. Applicant
- ☐ claims small entity status.
- ☒ is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ An extension of 1 month has already been secured
- (b) ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. Applicant believes that no additional extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for an additional extension of time, or in the event the petition for a one-month extension of time was not timely filed and/or received

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
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TOTAL		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$44 = \$		x \$88 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$150 = \$		+ \$300 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) ☐ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 07-0845 the sum of \$
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.


FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

7. ☐ Other:



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated June 3, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendment.